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ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
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HONGKONG.

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" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

NOW READY.

YUNG-SHUI, OF THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Dowling & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.
The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANCHAL.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 89L.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

FARM LOT 17, FOKFOOLUM, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.

AT KOWLOONG:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouse. Area 1,084 Taubos of 80 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.78.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Taubos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITTALL,

T. G. LINTHARD,

Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate, 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

SAYLE & Co. have opened

their first delivery of New

Goods for the coming Season, to

which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-

made Costumes in a variety of

Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroid-

ered Linen, Printed, Cambric,

White Brilliante and Muslin.

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A Large Assortment of Dress

Materials in all the newest

designs.

French Millinery of the latest

fashions.

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Ladies' Underclothing.

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Also,

A fresh supply of the "Little

Wanzer" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong:

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

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200 Cases CLARET from BORDEAUX.

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LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE

CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, His-

torical, Mythological and General

Literary Reference,

BY

WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEWS.

Price, \$3.

Shanghai, KELLY & Co.

Hongkong, "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGTON BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

By "OCEANIC."

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked

SALMON.

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR

in Barrels and Tins.

MACQUEEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE

BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen.)

Pints, \$16 " " "

5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen.)

FOR SALE BY

HEARD & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1875. tf.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura-

tion.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-

partnership from the First day of

January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-

brokers at this Port, under the style of

MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our

Firm at Hongkong and Shanghai.

Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by

procuration in Tongking.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

Intimations.

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-

ed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai

for the above Company, are prepared to

issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current

rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-

ed Agents in Hongkong for the above

Company, are prepared to issue Policies of

Marine Insurance at current rates, payable

in London, India, Australia, New Zealand,

Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China,

Japan, California, &c. &c.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

Note.—By the Company's Articles of Asso-

ciation it is provided that, after pay-

ment to the shareholders of a dividend

of 10 per cent. per annum, one-fourth

of the residue of profits will be retain-

ed amongst those Insurers out of

whose business profits have been made

during the year.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE

YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS

against the above Estate are requested to

send in Particulars of the same to the

Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of

April, 1876.

And all Persons being Indebted to the

said Estate are requested to Pay to the

Undersigned their several Debts without

delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,

Solicitors for the Executors.

2, Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 22, 1876. ap23

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUC-

TION OF THE PRICE OF THE

"SHANGHAI COURIER AND

Intimations.

LOST.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd Instant, a

Liver and White Suffolk SPANIEL,

answers to the name of "SAMBO." Who-

ever will bring the same to the Office of

DOUGLAS LAFFRAIR & Co., will be suitably

Rewarded.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend

to Decr. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per

share, can be obtained at the Office on or

after 29th February.

By Order,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 29, 1876. ap1

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned beg respectfully to

inform the Public that they have

Established themselves as

BUTCHERS and GENERAL

COMPRADORES,

At No. 1, Graham Street,

And are prepared to Supply Fresh and Salt

Provisions and Sweets; also, Wines, Spi-

rits and ALES of every description.

MATTHEW & Co.

Hongkong, March 25, 1876. my6

KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS,

Essen (Germany.)

Sole Agents for China,

F. PHIL,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOMBO

(Germany.)

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS

against the Estate of the late A.

MARCUS DARY, and all Persons indebted

to the same, are requested to communicate

immediately with the Undersigned.

H. LOWCOCK,

Executor.

Hongkong, March 21, 1876. ap21

COAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to

Steamers by the Undersigned.

Orders may be left at the Godowns,

Wanchi, with Mr J. MACLEOD, or at

AN YON, KWONGHONG, Praya.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875. my1

PILOTAGE.

VESSELS inward bound can secure Pi-

lots from Reef Island, from this date.

Outward bound Vessels can secure

FIRST CLASS PILOTS by applying to

the Undersigned at Praya Central, No. 29.

The Pilot-boat's Flag is No. 5 at the

main-mast.

H. F. STUART.

Hongkong, April 5, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MONGOLIA" will leave for the above place TO-MORROW, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. F. ASHBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. m29

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS" will be despatched on or about the 7th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. ap7

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1 American Ship "CHARLOTTE," SMITH, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A. 1 British Ship "MARGARITE," JAMES OWEN, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A. 1 American Bark "JONATHAN CHASE," CURTIS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

S. S. EMERALDA, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, whence delivery may be obtained. Goods remaining in store after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

A. MACDONALD, Agent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. m281

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Candia, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-
signed, at their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents S. S. Candia.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. ap3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th Instant, at 2 p.m.,—

The STOCK-IN-TRADE, GOOD-WILL, FURNITURE & FIXTURES of the well-known public house called the "BRITISH HOTEL," Queen's Road.

The Furniture will be sold in lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876. m280

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 26, China, from Canton. March 26, Pulla, German barque, 421, D. Ballou, Foochow Mar. 22, Ballou, Singapore & Co.

March 26, Mongolia, Brit. steamer, 1684, A. Coleman, Bombay Mar. 7, Galle 12, Penang 17, and Singapore 20, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 26, Mongolia, British barque, 816, Jas. Griffiths, Bangkok Jan. 11, Rice and Teakwood.—EDWARD SCHELLHANS & Co.

March 27, Candia, British steamer, 1842, Thompson, Glasgow Jan. 15, London Feb. 7, via ports of call, and Singapore Mar. 22, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Mar. 27, Emerald, British steamer, 895, M. Theobald, Manila Mar. 24, General.—A. MACDONALD.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 28, Yesso, for Swatow, &c. 26, Tanaka, for Yokohama. 26, Chen-fu, for a cruise. 27, Yodan, for Saigon. 27, Navorth Castle, for Keelung. 27, China, for Shanghai. 27, Sunda, for Yokohama. 27, Gunga, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Asia, for Saigon. Irens, for Whampoa. Riga, for Saigon. Norma, for Halphong. Hermann, for Manila. Butterfield, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Mongolia, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Assat, Comp. Horan, Sergeant Major Merritt, Sergt. Thompson, Lieut. G. T. Mann, Comdr. Douglas, &c. Messrs Rustonjee and W. Smith; from Venice, Baron de Loden, and Mr. A. Klobber; from Bombay, Col. Wilkinson; from Penang, Lieut. Rich and servant, and 20 Chinese; from Singapore, Mr. Middleton, and 73 Chinese. For Shanghai: from Southampton, Mrs. Stevens; from Venice, Mr. Sayle; from Brindisi, Mr. P. O. Evans; from Suez, Mr. and Mrs. Tatarinoff, two children and nurse. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Hon. C. Cole and Dr. Willis.

Per Emerald, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Lutz, Messrs Grant, French and Lutkens, and 164 Chinese. Per Candia, 135 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Yesso, for Swatow, Mr. Jeramiatore; for Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nunes; for Foochow, Mr. Blackmore. Per Sunda, for Yokohama, The Marquis of Kildare, Hon. A. Cole, Dr. Willis, Captains Saunders and Alderton, Mr. Harn, Mr. Acheong, and one deck.

Per Gunga, for Manila, Mr. N. A. Paternis and family, 2 European deck and 625 Chinese. To DEPART.—Per Asia, 40 Chinese. Per Norma, 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German bark Pollas reports: on the 24th and 25th experienced heavy thunderstorms and very boisterous weather, latterly moderate weather.

The British barque Montego reports: variable winds from Gilo to Pulo Island, thence to port strong monsoon. The British steamer Emerald reports: fine weather and light Southerly winds throughout.

The British steamer Candia reports: generally fine weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

FOR AMOY.—Per EMERALDA, at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, the 28th Inst.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—Per FLAMINGO, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th Instant.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—Per KWANGTUNG, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 28th Inst.

FOR MANILA.—Per Ship HERMANN, at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 30th Inst.

FOR BANGKOK.—Per RAJANATHIANUHA, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 3rd Inst.

FOR HONOLULU.—Per Barque COLOMBO, at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th April.

FOR YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—Per QUANGSE, at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 12th April.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—The English Contract Packet ZEBERAN, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 28th Instant: 5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 30th Instant: 7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m. Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 27, 1876. m280

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet BELGIC, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the West Indies, and other places named below, if sufficient American stamps are added to prepay them from San Francisco to destination. American Stamps are sold at this Office.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 27, 1876. ap1

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet HOOGHELY, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 6th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 5th April: 5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 6th April: 7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 27, 1876. ap2

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 29:—Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. Goods per Nestor undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 30:—Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. 2 p.m.—Sale of Stock-in-trade, Good Will, Furniture, &c., of the "British Hotel."

Obvior leaves for Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney on or about this date.

FRIDAY, March 31:—Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. Goods per Trauvaddy undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Goods per Esmeralda undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, April 1:—3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Belgic leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. 9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge. Normanby leaves for Cooktown and Sydney on or about this date.

WARRANTS against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interests on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

MONDAY, April 3:—Goods per Candia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 6:—Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. FRIDAY, April 7:—Patroclus leaves for London on or about this date.

WEDNESDAY, April 12:—2 p.m.—Quangse leaves for San Francisco. SATURDAY, April 15:—8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 22:—Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:—Claims against the Estate of Diederich Heilmuth, Querino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberto, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:—Claims against the Estates of Gustav Tibber, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Bandley, Kwong Tham, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung Sew Fag, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Mongolia leaves for Shanghai. 10 a.m.—Emeralda leaves for Amoy. Edmond Greasier leaves for Takao (direct) on this date.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 15, Stanton street.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

THE publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

BIRTH. On the 1st February, at 3, Holles-street, Cavendish-square, the Wife of L. Vard, merchant, of Shanghai and Pootung, China, of a Son.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1876.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1875.

SHOULD THE Postmaster-General of Hongkong desire, at any future time, to change his occupation, we should advise him to take to the production of light literature as a profession. The mind which can make an official report on postal affairs light and entertaining reading matter for the public is surely capable of some achievements in the field in which Charles Dickens ought with so much success. So uninteresting and heavy are official reports in a general way that few, beyond interested persons, even take the trouble to wade through them, and thus they lose more than half their value. But this report from our worthy Postmaster-General, published in the Government Gazette on Saturday, is so full of interesting information, told in an airy pleasant manner, that even the ladies in the Colony will read it. There is only one fault in the report, that we can see, and that is, it is rather too minute, some unimportant matters, that could well have been left out, being introduced. This is a fault because if important matters are surrounded by unimportant ones, the former are apt to get passed over, or not attract the attention they deserve, and it is for this reason that we shall simply give the gist of some portions of the report.

Spreading over some ten pages of the Gazette, the report everywhere bears traces of having been compiled with the great care and painstaking for which Mr. Lister is noted, and if the Government Gazette were frequently favoured with such contributions, that venerable publication would become to be looked upon with some interest, and would take its place among the instructive and entertaining literature of the Colony.

In commencing his report Mr. Lister pays a tribute to the "ability, energy and success" with which Mr. F. W. Mitchell discharged the duties of Postmaster-General during a period of thirteen years; and then, passing on, publicly thanks Messrs J. J. Sargent & Co., Butterfield and an Swiss, Gibb Livingston & Co., Douglas Larraik & Co., Siemens

& Co., The China Submarine Telegraph Co., Mr. E. L. Woodin, the Captain Superintendent of Police, Consul Medhurst and His Excellency Sir Harry Parkes, for services rendered in various ways to the Office.

It is satisfactory to read that most branches of the postal business show a slight increase in comparison with 1874, and that indications of other kinds are not wanting that trade has revived during the last year. The gross revenue of the Department, however, is less than that for 1874 by £400, for the reason, among others, that many matters of detail have been arranged during the year on a footing of greater efficiency but also to involve greater expense. The low rates of exchange prevailing have also told against the revenue. While dealing with the subjects of revenue and expenditure might we suggest to Mr. Lister the advantage of publishing among the returns a general debit and credit statement. His remarks as to how the revenue has fallen off while the business has increased would be all the clearer if this were done, and it would not be amiss were the imperial and local shares of the revenue also noted. The revenue of the Department was at its highest in 1872, and the next best year was 1865. To illustrate the fluctuations in the revenue during the past thirteen years, Mr. Lister then favours us in the report with a diagram which certainly sets these fluctuations before one in a clear and striking manner. The report then goes on to state that it can scarcely be doubted that the present year will be marked by a further, and perhaps a considerable decrease of revenue. The great simplification of postal rates to the Continent, lately effected, have cut down the profit left to this Colony on the collection and forwarding of Continental correspondence to a very small percentage.

The report expresses a hope, which every one in this Colony will be inclined to re-iterate, that ere long something like a uniform European rate of postage by all routes will be established.

During the past year the Postal Treaty of Berne came into force almost throughout Europe, and the London Office suggested to the various Colonies a revision of their Continental rates via Brindisi. The Italian Post Office was willing to modify its transit tariff, if the Colonies would adopt a different system of making up the mails, and would reduce their local charges. The matter was put clearly before the Executive of this Colony, and whilst the change was strongly recommended, it was plainly stated that the loss to this Department would be considerable. The proposal was approved, and in arranging the new rates, simplicity and liberality were more considered than the profits of the service. The result was a uniform nine-penny tariff to nearly the whole of the Continent, and whereas a Registered Letter to Russia, weighing two ounces, would lately have been charged 10s. 4d., such a letter can now be sent for 3s. 6d. A nine-penny (quarter ounce) tariff has since come into force for postage to the Continent by French Packet. The rates to the United Kingdom have not been lowered, and thus the effect of the changes noted above has been to evoke a loud and unanimous expression of disappointment from the foreign communities in China and Japan. The subject is, however, surrounded with difficulties with which this Office is in no wise in a position to deal. One reduction alone was within the immediate control of the Hongkong Government, namely the local and Indian rates by French Packet, and these have been reduced as much as is compatible with the avoidance of absolute loss—the Colony surrendering three-sevenths of the postage collected. A Convention between the Batavian Post Office and this Department has been under consideration during the year, and though not yet completed, will probably soon come into force. The reduced rates of postage fixed by this Convention have been already adopted by this Office in anticipation.

The Post Office Ordinance 1862, being very much out of date, suggestions for a new one have been submitted, and it is to be hoped that such of them as may be approved will form the basis of the amended Act. It is proposed in this Ordinance to bring the law into conformity with the existing practice of this office, to make it more flexible and susceptible of easy modification, especially in matters of detail, to reduce the almost prohibitive rates of coast postage, and to establish a penny tariff between this Colony, Canton, and Macao.

The Postmaster General points out that the people in Hongkong, while they complain of the heavy rates of postage, do not make the most of the privileges they possess. The amount of over-stamping observable on the morning of an English mail is something startling. Some persons imagine that the rate to England is still 32 cents! Others post hundreds of tiny circulars prepaid six cents each, but which weighing less than an ounce, would pass for four cents. Others put up circulars in bundles, which they prepay at so much per copy, instead of paying the whole at so much per four ounces. Merchants please note!

After remarking that the packets of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company have been recognised as United States Contract Mail boats, and that the Chinese who were expected to avail themselves of the privilege of registering correspondence by this route have not done so to the extent that was anticipated, the Postmaster makes the following valuable suggestions in regard to the use of the spring balance for weighing letters that has been placed in the front vestibule at the Post Office:—

It should be borne in mind, however, that a spring balance is not capable of much nicety, and persons who like to load their letters to the very last square inch of paper should have them weighed by the staff. Many letters are sent on charged with a fine in consequence of this attempt to go as close to half an ounce as possible. They perhaps get slightly damp on their way to the post office, and the trifling increase of weight turns the scale. A letter on overlaid paper will, in a few minutes, imbibes enough moisture

from newly printed newspapers, amongst which it may happen to lie in the letter box, to make it overweight, if it were very nearly so before.

The postal service between this Colony and Hio-go has been conducted under great difficulties, and has needed incessant watching:—

"It must be admitted that on one occasion opportunity was not taken by the Yokohama Office to do the best for Hio-go, but the slip did not deserve the intemperate language of a Hio-go paper, nor will it recur. Just, however, as the service seemed to be gaining permanency, the transfer of the Pacific Mail Branch Steamers to the Mitsui Bishi Company upset everything, and all had to be begun over again.

The Coast Ports have been well served by the steamers of Messrs Douglas Larraik & Co., which, though enjoying none of the benefits of a subsidy, have arrived here almost with the regularity of contract packets, the homeward mail having been missed on one occasion only. A great improvement has been effected in the service to Canton by means of Messrs Siemens & Co.'s steamers:—

It would frequently happen that the mail arrived here just after the Canton boat had left, especially on a Saturday or Sunday, and in the former case the letters would lie in this office forty-eight hours. Messrs Siemens & Co. kindly consented to give notice of the departures for Canton, and thus, especially through the summer, it has repeatedly been possible to forward both the English and American mails to that port much earlier than could otherwise have been done. There is no legal obligation to give notice of clearance for Canton or Macao, but such notice (however short) is always valuable to this department, and generally beneficial to the community.

By every mail more or less papers, books, and patterns are received entirely without covers, the latter having been wholly destroyed by friction in the bags. Persons who regularly forward such articles should be requested to use stout wrappers. On one occasion two whole sacksful consisted of a periodical called the Christian, which was being sent gratis to every Missionary in the world during three months. But the extreme flimsiness of the wrapper defeated the liberal intentions of the donor; very few of the numbers could be sent on, and most of them were left here unclaimed. Measures have been adopted to ensure the delivery of as many such books and periodicals as possible. Every fragment of a cover on which an address can be made out is sent to that address with a circular asking the addressee what he expected to receive, and in this way, and by advertising, some books and papers have been delivered:—

The loss of a letter for London led to an enquiry as to whether or not it had been posted, and it was found that many letters were sent to the Post Office without receipt or chit book, in boxes which could not be called sealed, although, in several cases, the Heads of Houses where this was the practice were not aware of it. There has been a great improvement, but even now many of the boxes are so sealed that the seal can be pulled off unbroken and stuck on again. The safest plan is to seal on the box itself, without tape or string, and to make the Chinese servants remove the old wax before a fresh seal is applied.

It is often asked, "is there any real advantage in Registration?" in a tone which implies that the questioner desires a candid private opinion, rather than what he deems a stereotyped official view:—

It may not be amiss briefly to describe the general features of the Registration system. The Officer who registers a letter gives a receipt for it, thus there is no question but that it was posted, or as to who took it in. That Officer (who, in case of the loss of the receipt, is sufficiently pointed out by the Counterfoil which he has filled up) is now responsible for the letter, unless he can show how it was disposed of. He places it in a safe till the mail is being made up. The addresses of all the letters registered for that mail are then entered on a list, a copy of which, for record, is simultaneously taken by means of a manifold writer. The total entries must agree with the number of letters and the number of counterfoil receipts. The letters, with a copy of the list, are then placed in a sealed bag or packet, which is not opened until it reaches the office of destination. Thus there can be no doubt that all the Registered Letters were despatched.

The Officer who opens the mail makes it his first business to look for the bag of registered letters, the total number of which he finds also entered on the general Letter Bill. He counts them, ticks the total if correct, and hands them, with the list, to a colleague whose duty it is to prepare the receipts for signature by the addressee. Each receipt has its counterfoil, and, as each is attached to the letter to which it relates, the address is marked off on the original list. An entry is then made of the name of the carrier who will deliver the letter, and who is responsible for it until the transaction is concluded by his bringing back the addressee's receipt. A special acknowledgment is sent to the despatching office. Thus there can be no doubt that all the Registered Letters were received.

The following are the best passages of the year, counting to and from London:—

Homeward, Anadyr, left January 14th, arrived August 11th, 32 days. Outward, Malwa, arrived July 29th, 35 days.

Outward, (French Packets) Ava, arrived June 12th, Anadyr, arrived September 4th, 87 days. Homeward, (British) Kashgar, left March 4th and November 11th, 88 days.

Sunda, March 18th, 88 days. To San Francisco, Oceanic, left June 5th, arrived August 11th, 38 days.

From San Francisco, Oceanic, arrived August 11th, 28 days. Tables B and C also afford the following average as to the time allowed the Contract Packets to and from London, and the time actually occupied by them:—

Fr. Packets, Homeward, 412 days. 38 days. Br. Packets, Outward, 440 days. 384 days. Fr. Packets, Outward, 412 days. 41 days. Br. Packets, Homeward, 422 days. 412 days.

Mr. Lister concludes his report with

an apology for its prolixity in the shape of the words of "the great founder of the penny post"—"some pains should be taken to make the main features of the post office system intelligible."

THE Community are much indebted to Mr. Granville Sharp for his action in the recent case of diseased meat, which resulted in the imposition of a well-deserved fine of \$200 upon the offending cattle-man. In a letter, which we published on Saturday, Mr. Sharp made some very sensible remarks on the present unsatisfactory state of things. One of the great difficulties, he aptly observed, is the "intangibility of the enemy." On the present occasion the tangibility of the enemy was fortunately sufficiently demonstrated, and Mr. Sharp almost literally took the bull by the horns. But the question naturally arises, Where would the

Mails.



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ranean Ports, Southampton
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A. McIVER, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 16, 1876. m39

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PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
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ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELIC" will be de-
parted for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
on SATURDAY, the 1st April,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers
for Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of 31st instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 p.m.
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Return Passage Tickets available for 6
months are issued at a reduction of 20 per
cent. on regular rates.
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or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, March 1, 1876. ap1

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Next U. S. Mail Steamer will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 15th
April, 1876, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers,
and Freight, for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.
A steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

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of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. 14th proximo. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
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Hongkong, March 16, 1876. ap16

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
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Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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OLYPHANT & Co.,
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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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TION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

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three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on
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Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

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COMPANY.

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of instructions from the Board of
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to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first
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A Discount of 20% allowed.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

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PANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED,
IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons holding Warrants against
unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or
Bonus, are requested to present same for
payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise
their claims will not be recognised.

ADOLF ANDRE,
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Liquidators.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875. apl

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL
INSURANCE CO.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong, for the above-
named Company, is prepared to grant
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Goods to the extent of \$100,000, at the
usual rates, subject to an immediate dis-
count of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

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per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above
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Intimations.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE
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TWO cents a character for the first 100
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half price for repetitions during the first
week. Subsequent week's insertions will
be charged only one half the amount of the
first week's charge. Advertisements for
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deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount,
and contracts for more favourable terms
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Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all
the ports and in the interior of China, all
the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore,
Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the
Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru
and other places which Chinese frequent.
When the list of Agencies is completed,
it will be published. Agents have been
already established in most of the above
places; and in important ports more than
one agent has been appointed at each.

OHUN AYIN,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's
day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese
Mail will be issued daily instead of sat-
urday, as heretofore. No change, how-
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Manager.

China Mail Office,
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Hongkong, March 11, 1876.

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(And with occupation from 1st May next.)

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Hongkong, March 4, 1876.

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Exchange
Highest Lowest
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Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 400 300

" Foodchow, " 180 150

Beef, sirloin and prime out, oy. 150 120

Beef Corned, catty 120 100

" Roast, " 130 120

" Soup, " 70 60

" Steak, " 130 120

Bullocks' Brains, per set 50 40

" Tongue, fresh, each 250 200

" " corned, " 400 350

" Head, " 1000 700

" Heart, " 150 110

" Feet, " 60 50

" Kidneys, " 80 50

" Tail, " 120 110

" Liver, catty 90 70

" Tripe (undressed), catty 40 30

Calves' Head and Feet, set 800 450

Hams, American, lb. 350 —

" Chinese, " 200 160

" English, " 400 360

Mutton Chop, " 180 160

" Leg, " 180 160

" Shoulder, " 140 120

" Liver, " 110 100

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, " 120 110

" Fry, " 110 100

" Head, " 110 100

" Heart, each 70 50

" Kidneys, " 70 60

" Liver, lb. 120 110

Pork Chop, catty 140 130

" Corned, " 180 120

" Leg, " 140 130